(b) whether it is proposed to increase the production of railway coaches to meet the ever going demand;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): Coaches are procured keeping in view the demand as well as availability of funds. Keeping in view the requirement, 2778 coaches have been planned for production in 2005-06.

(b) to (d) Augmentation of production capacity of both the Production Units of Indian Railways (Integral Coach Factory and Rail Coach Factory) from 1000 each to 1250 and 1400 respectively have been sanctioned in 2005-06.

Traffic congestion at Ahmedabad

†2185. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT:
SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any scheme for reducing congestion of traffic at Ahmedabad railway station; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) There is no congestion at Ahmedabad station as train operation is being suitably managed within the existing resources.

(b) Does not arise.

Provisions for development of Ahmedabad Railway Division

†2186. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the reasons for not making any provisions according to demand for development of the Ahmedabad Railway Division in the Railway Budget 2005-06?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): The total sanctioned cost for setting up of new Railway Division at Ahmedabad[3] is Rs. 13.26 crore. The likely expenditure on this work is Rs. 6.00 crore approximately upto 2004-05 and a further outlay of Rs. 4,00 crore has been provided in the Railway Budget 2005-06 based on overall allocation of funds.

Appointment of doctors for Primary Health facility to Passengers

†2187. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to appoint doctors to provide primary health-care facility to the railway passengers in the long distance trams and on the important stations; and

(b) if so, the names of the .such drains and stations and by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Iron-Ore production

†2188. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:

SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of iron-ore produced during the last two years and the names of the countries to which iron-ore was exported alongwith the quantum of such export to each country;

(b) whether it is a fact that some private sector companies like 'POSCO' have been permitted to commission steel plant in the country with the guarantee of supply of iron-ore and also with permission to export; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor in view of less production of iron-ore in the country as compared to its requirement*

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) The production of iron ore during last two years*is as mentioned below:

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